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Applicant : Hiroaki KITAMOTO

For : CAPPING METHOD AND APPARATUS

Atty. Docket No.: Kanzaki Case 161

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS**

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 5 and 6 as follows.

Claim 5, line 1; change "one of Claims 1 to 4" to  
---Claim 1---.Claim 6, line 1; change "one of Claims 1 to 4" to  
---Claim 1---.

## REMARKS

This amendment cancels claims to reduce the filing fee.  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Encl: None

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